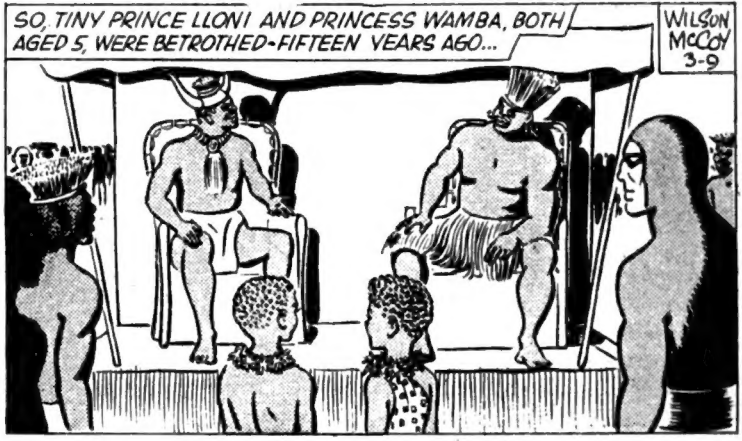
FOR AGES, THE GREAT LLONGO AND WAMBESI TRIBES BATTLED-

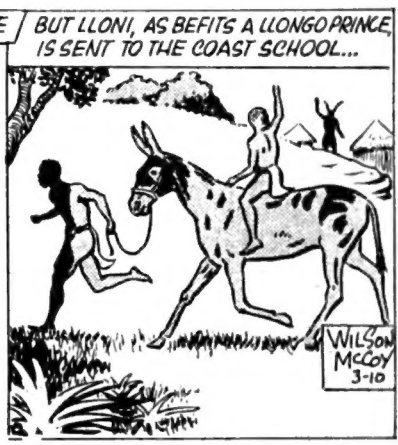
THEN, DURING AN UNEASY PEACE-- AN ORDER FROM THE SKULL THRONE..
THERE MUST BE A UNION - TO MAINTAIN PEACE.


SO, TINY PRINCE LLONI AND PRINCESS WAMBA, BOTH AGED 5, WERE BETROTHED-FIFTEEN YEARS AGO...
WILSON McCOY 3-9

THE ENGAGED COUPLE, BOTH FIVE, HAVE A FEW MOMENTS TOGETHER-

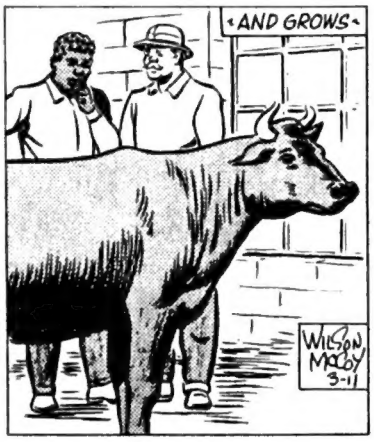
-THEN- THEY'RE NOT TO SEE EACH OTHER FOR 15 YEARS.
WHAT'S HER NAME, FATHER?
PRINCESS WAMBA

PRINCESS WAMBA REMAINS IN THE DEEP JUNGLE TO GROW UP--


BUT LLONI, AS BEFITS A LLONGO PRINCE, IS SENT TO THE COAST SCHOOL...
WILSON McCOY 3-10

PRINCE LLONI OF THE LLONGO GOES TO SCHOOL AND GROWS-

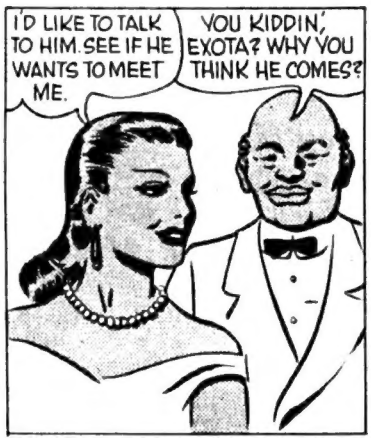
HE ATTENDS AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL-
THIS HYBRID SUITS YOUR JUNGLE SOILS.


- AND GROWS-
WILSON McCOY 3-11

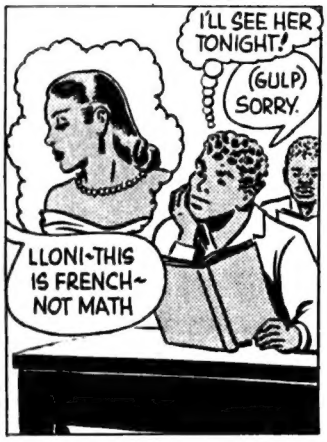
HONEY ♪♫ YOU DO SOMETHING ♫♪ TO ME ♫
-- AND GROWS!

♫ TO ME ♪

WHO'S THAT YOUNG FELLOW? HE'S HERE EVERY NIGHT.
A CHIEF'S SON FROM THE DEEP JUNGLE. HE'S AT AG SCHOOL.


I'D LIKE TO TALK TO HIM. SEE IF HE WANTS TO MEET ME.
YOU KIDDIN', EXOTA? WHY YOU THINK HE COMES?

LIKE TO MEET EXOTA TOMORROW NIGHT HERE?
(GULP) WOULD I ?!
WILSON McCOY 3-12


I'LL SEE HER TONIGHT!
(GULP) SORRY.
LLONI~THIS IS FRENCH~ NOT MATH

LLONI~ THAT'S NOT HOW TO MILK A COW.
SORRY~~

GOSH~ EXOTA~ TONIGHT! OUCH!
WILSON McCOY 3-13

PRINCE LLONI, THIS IS EXOTA~
HELLO.
(GULP) HELLO.

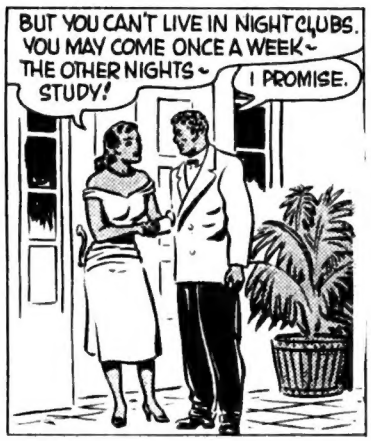
YOU'RE A STUDENT AT AG SCHOOL?
YES, A SENIOR. GEE, I NEVER THOUGHT I'D BE DANCING WITH YOU!

YOU'RE A STUDENT~ YET YOU'VE BEEN HERE EVERY NIGHT. WHY?
OH~~ I ER~~

IT WAS TO SEE ME, WASN'T IT? THAT'S WHY I ASKED TO MEET YOU.
YOU ASKED TO MEET ME?

YOU CAN'T STUDY IF YOU WASTE EVERY NIGHT HERE. YOU MUST STAY HOME AND WORK!
WILSON McCOY 3-14

NO ONE LIKE YOU IN THE JUNGLE, EXOTA.
I'M A CITY GIRL. I'VE NEVER KNOWN A DEEP-JUNGLE MAN BEFORE, LLONI.


BUT YOU CAN'T LIVE IN NIGHT CLUBS. YOU MAY COME ONCE A WEEK~ THE OTHER NIGHTS~ STUDY!
I PROMISE.

SHE'S WONDERFUL.

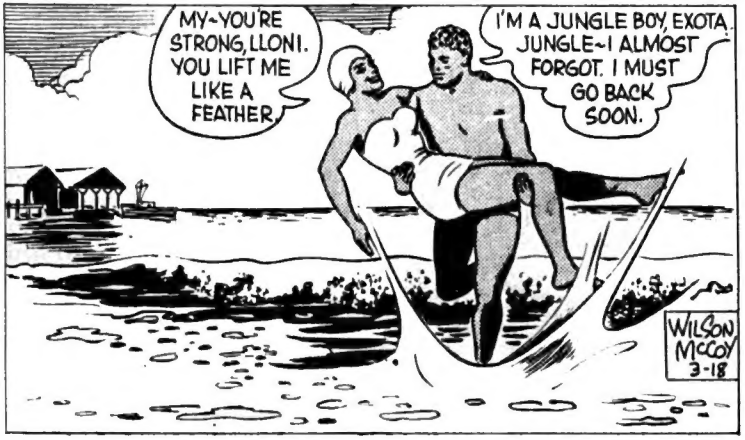
~AND FORGOTTEN~ HIS 15-YEAR-OLD BETROTHAL TO PRINCESS WAMBA...
WILSON McCOY 3-16

YOU'RE NOT LIKE I IMAGINED, EXOTA.
BECAUSE I'M A NIGHT-CLUB SINGER? I LIKE TO COOK.

~THE NEWS SPREADS~
PRINCE LLONI OF LLONGO, SENIOR AG STUDENT, SEEING LOTS OF EXOTA THE SINGER, AND NO WONDER--

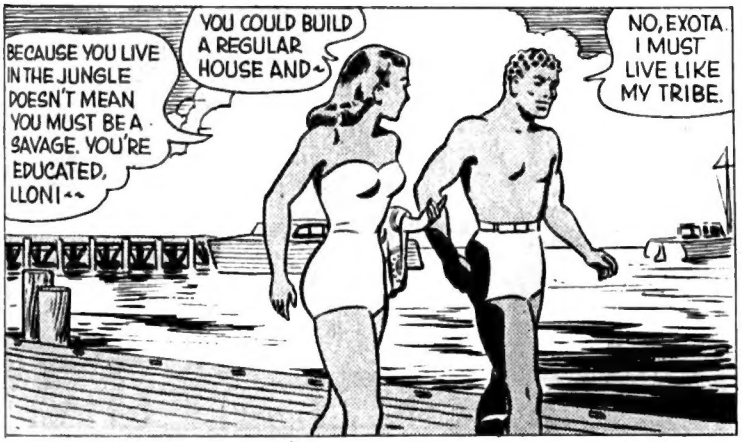
~AND SPREADS~
MY SON LIKES A GIRL WHO SINGS?
YES, GREAT CHIEF, A PRETTY CITY GIRL.

HE MUST HAVE HIS FUN. HOW DO YOU SAY~ WILD OAT? SOON HE RETURNS TO HIS BETROTHED.
WILSON McCOY 3-17


MY~YOU'RE STRONG, LLONI. YOU LIFT ME LIKE A FEATHER.
I'M A JUNGLE BOY, EXOTA. JUNGLE~I ALMOST FORGOT. I MUST GO BACK SOON.
WILSON McCOY 3-18

I'LL WEAR ONLY A LOIN-CLOTH~LIVE IN A GRASS HUT.
IT SOUNDS EXCITING! I'D LOVE IT~~

YOU ARE A CITY GIRL. YOU'D HATE THE JUNGLE. YOU MUST MARRY A CITY MAN.
MUST I?


BECAUSE YOU LIVE IN THE JUNGLE DOESN'T MEAN YOU MUST BE A SAVAGE. YOU'RE EDUCATED, LLONI~~
YOU COULD BUILD A REGULAR HOUSE AND~
NO, EXOTA. I MUST LIVE LIKE MY TRIBE.

YOU DON'T WANT ME TO GO WITH YOU!
I'D GIVE ANYTHING IF YOU COULD! I'D EVEN STAY HERE, BUT I CAN'T~

I'M BETROTHED!
!!
WILSON McCOY 3-19

DON'T YOU THINK YOU MIGHT HAVE TOLD ME YOU WERE "BETROTHED"~~AS YOU SAY~ JUNGLE BOY?
I~I FOR-GOT.

FORGOT~ YOU'RE ENGAGED?
IT HAPPENED WHEN WE WERE FIVE. I HAVEN'T SEEN HER SINCE.

FIVE? OH, LLONI, YOU'VE BEEN FOOLING ME!
I WISH I WERE. NO, AS A CHILD, I WAS BETROTHED TO PRINCESS WAMBA~

"BY ORDER OF THE PHANTOM. HE WAS THERE."
WILSON McCOY 3-20

YOU ARE ENGAGED TO PRINCESS WAMBA OF WAMBESI?
WHEN WE WERE FIVE~I HAVEN'T SEEN HER SINCE~ MAYBE SHE'S FOR-GOTTEN~~

I WON'T GO BACK~I'LL STAY HERE!
NO~YOU ARE PRINCE LLONGO~ SOMEDAY YOU'LL BE CHIEF. I'M A CITY GIRL~

~BUT THERE'S STILL ENOUGH JUNGLE IN ME TO KNOW THAT YOU MUST GO BACK.
NO~MAYBE. I CAN STAY!

MEANWHILE, WAITING AT LLONI'S DORM~~
WILSON McCOY 3-21

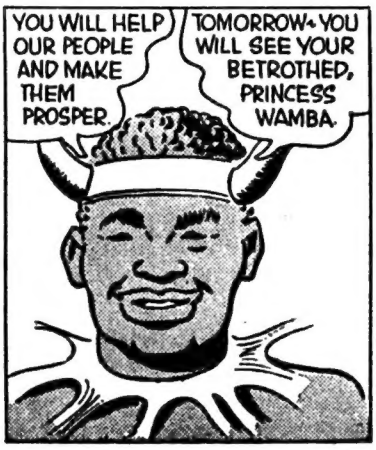
EXOTA~I'LL WRITE FATHER~TELL HIM I WANT TO STAY HERE, GET A JOB~~ WE'LL BE MARRIED.
YOU ARE BETROTHED.
TO A GIRL I HAVEN'T SEEN SINCE I WAS FIVE!
IT WAS DONE TO KEEP PEACE AMONG YOUR TRIBES, YOU TOLD ME.
MY MIND'S MADE UP. I'M NOT GOING BACK. THEN WE CAN BE MARRIED.
GOODBYE, PRINCE LLONI OF THE LLONGO.
WILSON McCOY 3-23
I WON'T GO BACK TO A LOINCLOTH AND GRASS HUT~I'LL STAY WITH HER~
LLONI~THERE ARE SOME~ER~MEN WAITING TO SEE YOU~AROUND BACK.
?
PRINCE LLONI, YOUR FATHER SENT US. THE TIME HAS COME FOR YOU TO RETURN~NOW!
!!
WILSON McCOY 3-24
YOU DO NOT REMEMBER, BUT I AM TAGI, HEAD OF WARRIORS.
I REMEMBER ALL OF YOU~TAGI, BISTU, MISAU.
YOUR FATHER, OUR CHIEF, SAYS YOU MUST RETURN NOW TO MARRY PRINCESS WAMBA OF WAMBESI.
NO~I WILL STAY HERE~
WE KNOW ABOUT YOUR GIRL HERE~EXOTA~~
AS CHIEF SAYS~"A WILD OAT"~
NO~IT'S NOT LIKE THAT!
YOU ARE BETROTHED. YOU WILL RETURN WITH US NOW. THE CHIEF COMMANDS!
WILSON McCOY 3-25
CAN'T I CALL EXOTA TO SAY GOODBYE?
BENGALI
NO, WE MUST MARCH FAST.
YOU WILL NEED NONE OF THAT IN THE JUNGLE. LEAVE IT, HIGHNESS.
HEY~LLONI~! WHAT'S UP?
JIM! CALL EXOTA! TELL HER~~
-I SAID GOODBYE!
?
?
WILSON McCOY 3-26

?
I'M HOT!
YOU NO LONGER NEED THOSE CITY CLOTHES. I BROUGHT YOU A CLOTH AND A SPEAR.

WE MUST MOVE FAST NOW TO REACH OUR FIRST WATER-HOLE, PRINCE LLONI.

WILSON McCOY 3-27

PRINCE LLONI!
PRINCE LLONI!
GREETINGS, FATHER.
WELCOME HOME, MY SON. YOU HAVE LEARNED THE ARTS OF PLANTS AND CATTLE!
PRINCE LLONI'S HOMECOMING-DEEP JUNGLE.
WILSON McCOY 3-28


YOU WILL HELP OUR PEOPLE AND MAKE THEM PROSPER.
TOMORROW-YOU WILL SEE YOUR BETROTHED, PRINCESS WAMBA.

A LOINCLOTH-A GRASS HUT-AS THO I'D NEVER LEFT--
EXOTA--WAS IT ALL A DREAM?

FATHER-WHY MUST I MARRY PRINCESS WAMBA?
WHY? BECAUSE YOU ARE BETROTHED-THE JUNGLE EXPECTS IT, AND THE PHANTOM SAID--
THERE MUST BE A UNION TO KEEP THE PEACE-

THEY ENTER THE CHEERING WAMBESI VILLAGE...
-AND NOW YOU WILL SEE YOUR FUTURE BRIDE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 15 YEARS-

WILSON McCOY 3-30
IS THAT WAMBA?

!
WAMBA, SWEET-THIS IS YOUR BETROTHED, PRINCE LLONI OF LLONGO.
TEE-HEE

OH, DA-DA, I LIKE HIM. HE'S PRETTY.

LLONI-COME BACK HERE!
WILSON McCOY 3-31

LLONI, SON, SPEAK TO YOUR INTENDED.
UH- HELLO.
I'VE DREAMED ABOUT YOU, LLONI, WHILE I WAITED ALL THESE YEARS. YOU'RE PRETTIER THAN I DREAMED -TEE-HEE-

THE WEDDING WILL BE AT THE FULL MOON. A GOOD OMEN.
YES, MANY CHILDREN.

THIS IS A NIGHTMARE! OH, EXOTA - GET ME OUT OF IT!
WILSON McCOY 4-1

YOU TWO LOVE-BIRDS MAY HAVE A FEW MINUTES TOGETHER- FIRST TIME IN 15 YEARS! HO-HO!
YOU WENT TO THE CITY AND STUDIED. I NEVER DID I JUST STAYED HERE - TEE-HEE-
AND NEVER STOPPED EATING ONCE.

I AWAYS THOUGHT ABOUT YOU- AND WONDERED. DID YOU THINK ABOUT ME, LLONI?
OH, YES.

MUST YOU GO? IT'S NOT A FEW MINUTES YET.
OH - YES. I'M SURE IT IS - -
WILSON McCOY 4-2

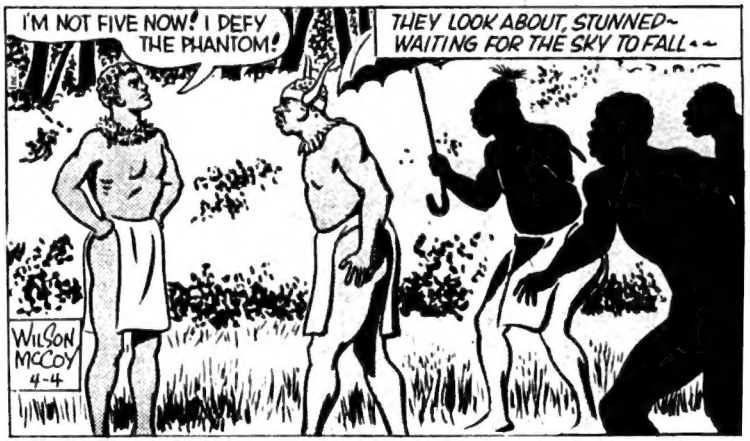
FAREWELL, CHIEF OF LLONGO. OUR HOUSES WILL BE UNITED.
FAREWELL, CHIEF OF WAMBESI. IT WILL BE THE BIGGEST WEDDING IN JUNGLE HISTORY- - AT THE FULL MOON!
TEE HEE-

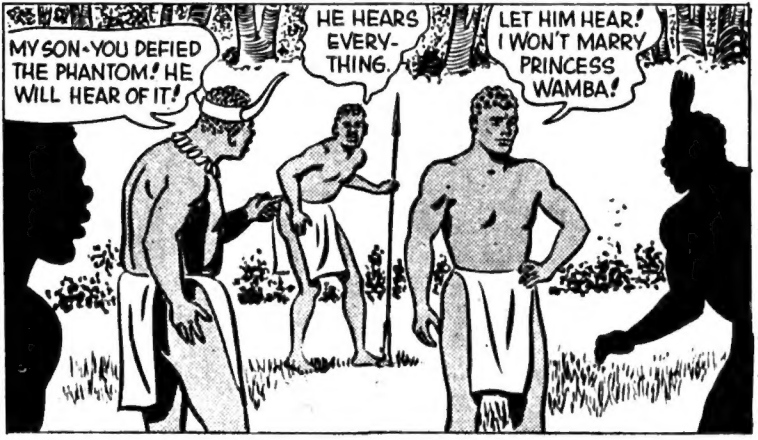
YES, INDEED. THE BIGGEST WEDDING IN - -
THERE WILL BE NO WEDDING, FATHER!

SHE'S SWEET- BUT STUPID! I CANNOT MARRY THAT ELEPHANT!
BUT - SPUTTER- SPUTTER - THE PHANTOM COMMANDED -THERE'LL BE WAR!
WILSON McCOY 4-3

OH, FATHER, I CAN'T WAIT FOR THE FULL MOON TO MARRY HIM. IS IT TIME FOR DINNER?
YES, SWEETS.

I CANNOT MARRY HER! I WON'T!
IT WAS THE PHANTOM'S DECISION - WHEN YOU WERE FIVE! YOU MUST!


I'M NOT FIVE NOW! I DEFY THE PHANTOM!
THEY LOOK ABOUT, STUNNED- WAITING FOR THE SKY TO FALL - -
WILSON McCOY 4-4


MY SON-YOU DEFIED THE PHANTOM! HE WILL HEAR OF IT!
HE HEARS EVERY-THING.
LET HIM HEAR! I WON'T MARRY PRINCESS WAMBA!

LLONI-YOU HAD A HARD TRIP-YOU'RE TIRED--
I WON'T-I WON'T!

IF THE WAMBESI HEAR OF THIS IT MEANS WAR!
LET IT! I'D RATHER FIGHT THE WHOLE TRIBE THAN MARRY HER!
WILSON McCOY 4-6

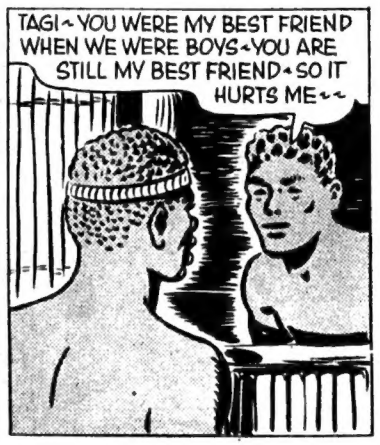
I LIKE LLONI, DADA. HE'S SO PRETTY-TEE-HEE-
WHILE WAMBA AWAITS HER WEDDING DAY--
I'M GLAD, SWEETS.

-MEANWHILE, HER UNWILLING FIANCÉ, LLONI-
KEEP HIM UNDER GUARD NIGHT AND DAY! SAY NOTHING OF THIS TO ANYONE!

YOU WILL STAY HERE UNTIL THE FULL MOON! THEN YOU WILL MARRY THAT ELEPHANT-I MEAN--WAMBA!

WHAT CAN I DO? THE PHANTOM DECREED THIS--
THEY SAY HE IS WISE-IF I COULD SEE HIM AND EXPLAIN--
WILSON McCOY 4-7

PRINCE LLONI-UNDER HOUSE ARREST-
PSST-TAGI-


TAGI-YOU WERE MY BEST FRIEND WHEN WE WERE BOYS-YOU ARE STILL MY BEST FRIEND-SO IT HURTS ME--

-TO DO THIS--

STOP! STOP!
WILSON McCOY 4-8

LLONI'S GONE! RAN OFF!
UH-UH-WHAT? FIND HIM!

HE WENT THIS WAY-
LOST HIS TRAIL!

OH, DADA, ONE MORE WEEK AND I'LL BE A BRIDE! CAN'T WAIT-TEE-HEE.

I'D RATHER SPEND THE REST OF MY LIFE IN THIS TREE THAN MARRY HER!
WILSON McCOY 4-9

NO SIGN OF LLONI! HE GOT AWAY!
KEEP LOOKING~ YOU MUST FIND HIM! TELL NO ONE! IF THE WAMBESI HEAR~

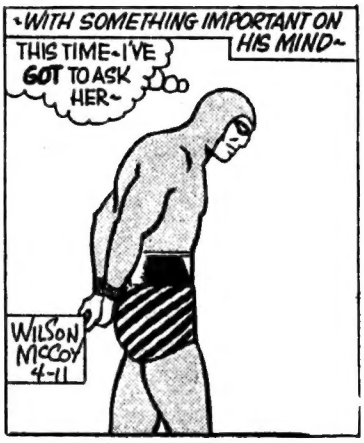
MEANWHILE~LLONI~~
I~I'VE NEVER BEEN TO THE DEEP WOODS~NONE OF MY TRIBE HAVE.

SUDDENLY, SILENTLY FROM THE BUSHES~THE DREADED PYGMY POISON PEOPLE~HE'S REACHED THE DEEP WOODS...
BANDAR
I MUST SEE THE PHANTOM.
HE IS NOT HERE.
WILSON McCOY 4-10

PRINCE LLONI OF LLONGO~ ASKS FOR PHANTOM.
BRING HIM HERE.

ALL HIS LIFE, HE'S HEARD OF THIS SECRET PLACE~AT LAST~HE'S HERE!

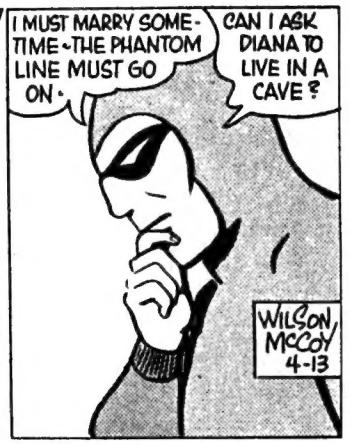
MEANWHILE, HALFWAY AROUND THE EARTH~
DOC SAYS YOU CAN GO OUTSIDE TOMORROW, DIANA.
GOOD!

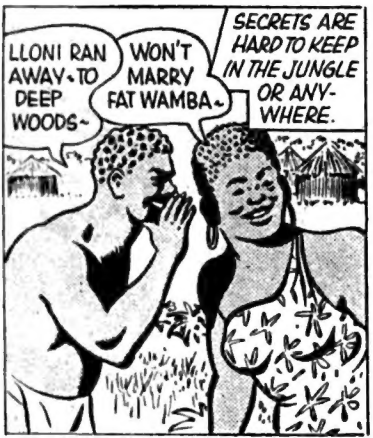

~WITH SOMETHING IMPORTANT ON HIS MIND~
THIS TIME~I'VE GOT TO ASK HER~
WILSON McCOY 4-11

LLONI OF LLONGO~ YOU'RE TO MARRY PRINCESS WAMBA OF WAMBESI
I WON'T DO IT.

I WILL WAIT FOR THE PHANTOM.
HE'S AWAY ~ HE MAY BE GONE MONTHS~! NOT MARRY? THAT MEANS TROUBLE!

MEANWHILE, HALFWAY AROUND THE EARTH
I'M COMING DOWN FOR TEA SOON.
GOOD!


I MUST MARRY SOME-TIME~THE PHANTOM LINE MUST GO ON~
CAN I ASK DIANA TO LIVE IN A CAVE?
WILSON McCOY 4-13


LLONI RAN AWAY~TO DEEP WOODS~
WON'T MARRY FAT WAMBA~
SECRETS ARE HARD TO KEEP IN THE JUNGLE OR ANY-WHERE.

I AM KING OF THE LLONGO. I KNOW MY SON IS IN THE DEEP WOODS.
WAIT.

HIS FATHER WANTS HIM TO COME OUT.
I WON'T. I'M WAITING HERE FOR THE PHANTOM. TELL HIM TO GO AWAY.
THE JUNGLE IS BUZZING ABOUT THIS. IT MAY MEAN WAR!
WILSON McCOY 4-14

THE JUNGLE GOSSIPS~
LLONI WON'T MARRY WAMBA.
NO WONDER. SHE'S LIKE AN ELEPHANT.
WHAT A SCANDAL!
KING OF LLONGO~ WHAT IS THIS ABOUT YOUR SON RUNNING AWAY TO THE DEEP WOODS?
~AND REFUSING TO MARRY MY SWEET WAMBA?
SHEER LIES, KING OF WAMBESI! EVIL TALK! MY SON IS RESTING FOR THE WEDDING.
HE'LL MARRY WAMBA AT THE FULL MOON! HE WILL! HE WILL!
TEE-HEE
WILSON McCOY 4-15
THE PHANTOM LINE CAN'T STOP WITH ME. FOUR CENTURIES OF PHANTOMS WOULD TURN OVER IN THEIR GRAVES.
A MODERN RICH GIRL LIKE DIANA~ LIVING IN THE JUNGLE~WITH~ PYGMIES~IN A CAVE~~
HER MOTHER HATES THE WHOLE IDEA~ HER UNCLE DAVE THINKS IT'S FINE~
I'VE GOT TO GET UP ENOUGH NERVE~
WILSON McCOY 4-16
A FEW MORE DAYS AND GOODBYE TO THIS DARNED CHAIR.
HELLO~~ DIANA~~
YOU MUST GO BACK~YOU CANNOT INSULT THE WAMBESI~THEY WILL FIGHT!
I WILL NOT MARRY THAT GIRL!
IT MEANS JUNGLE WAR~THE PHANTOM MUST COME BACK~START THE DRUMS~~
THE MESSAGE GOES~IN THE PHANTOM'S SECRET CODE~
LLONGO-WAMBESI TROUBLE ...RETURN AT ONCE
WILSON McCOY 4-17
AND HALFWAY AROUND THE EARTH~
ER~~IT'S A NICE DAY~DIANA~
YES, ISN'T IT?
WHAT'S IT MEAN?
WHO KNOWS? PHANTOM CODE FROM DEEP WOODS!
TROUBLE...COME BACK AT ONCE...WAMBESI
OVER FOREST AND DESERT HILLS AND VALLEYS~~
WAMBESI-LLONGO... TROUBLE..COME BACK
~AND HALFWAY AROUND THE EARTH~
SOMETHING~ER (GULP) I WANTED TO SAY (GULP)
YES, DEAR?
TEA-TIME!
ER~IT CAN WAIT (WHEW!)
WILSON McCOY 4-18

THE SECRET PHANTOM CODE MESSAGE~
LLONGO... WAMBESI TROUBLE.. RETURN AT ONCE....

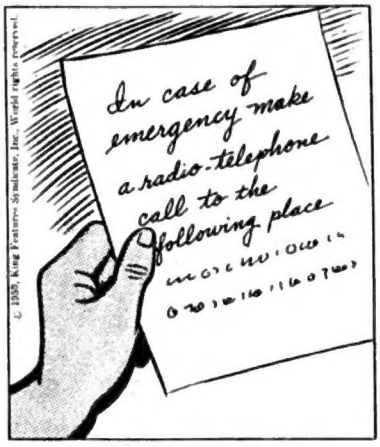
IS RELAYED THRU THE JUNGLE~
LLONGO..WAMBESI TROUBLE...

~TO A HIDDEN CORRAL AT THE JUNGLE'S EDGE...
RETURN AT ONCE... WAMBESI-

WILSON McCOY 4-20

MESSAGE IN BOX OF MR. WALKER, PLEASE.
I'LL SEE IF THERE'S ANYTHING.

YEAH. SAY, WHO IS THIS MR. WALKER? * I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM.
*WALKER, FOR THE GHOST WHO WALKS.
THANK YOU.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WISH TO MAKE OVERSEAS PHONE CALL TO AMERICA. PLEASE HURRY.
WILSON McCOY 4-21

TIME TO REST NOW, DIANA.
IN A WHILE, MAMA, WE'LL SIT HERE FOR A FEW MINUTES.

HE WANTS TO ASK ME, BUT HE'S WORRIED ABOUT MY LIVING IN A CAVE.

I'VE GOT TO ASK HER NOW, BUT HOW CAN I? A GIRL LIKE HER IN A JUNGLE?

~ER~ BEEN A NICE DAY.
YOU SAID THAT BEFORE.
WILSON McCOY 4-22

DIANA, THERE'S SOMETHING I'D LIKE TO TALK ABOUT-
YES, DEAR.

I~(GULP)~ DON'T KNOW JUST WHERE TO BEGIN~~
AT THE BEGINNING.
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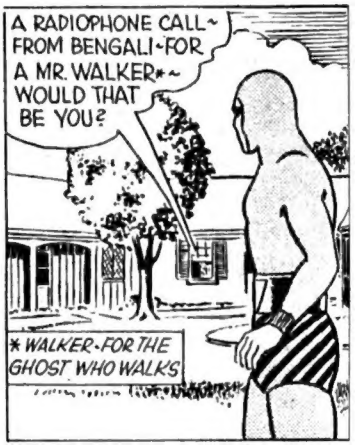
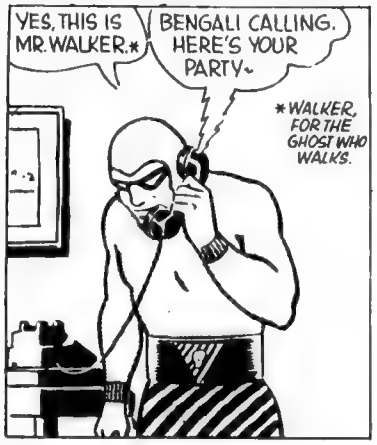
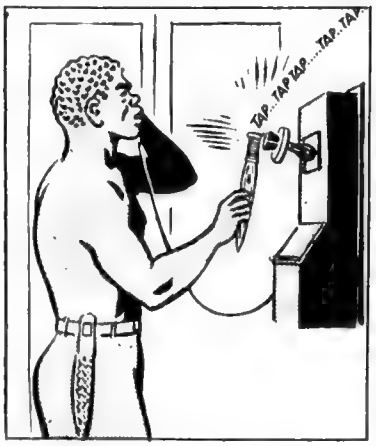
WILSON McCOY 4-23


A RADIOPHONE CALL~ FROM BENGALI~FOR A MR. WALKER*~ WOULD THAT BE YOU?
* WALKER-FOR THE GHOST WHO WALKS

EXCUSE ME, DIANA ~
YOU STARTED TO SAY SOMETHING. WHEN YOU COME BACK REMEMBER WHERE YOU STOPPED.


YES, THIS IS MR. WALKER.*
BENGALI CALLING. HERE'S YOUR PARTY~
* WALKER, FOR THE GHOST WHO WALKS.


TAP..TAP TAP....TAP..TAP

FROM HALFWAY AROUND THE EARTH~ THE SECRET PHANTOM CODE...
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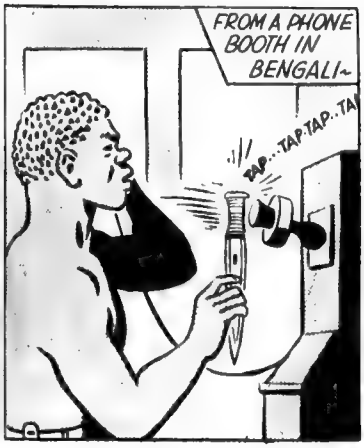
TAP..TAP TAP...T
WILSON McCOY 4-24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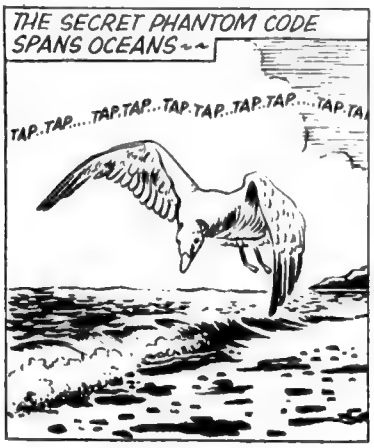
TAP..TAP TAP..TA


THE SECRET PHANTOM CODE SPANS OCEANS~~
TAP..TAP....TAP TAP...TAP TAP..TAP TAP.....TAP TA

~~HALFWAY AROUND THE EARTH!
..TAP TAP..TAP COME BACK AT ONCE
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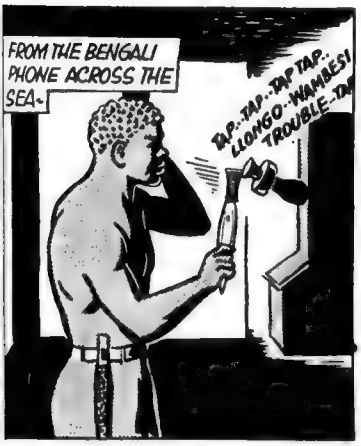
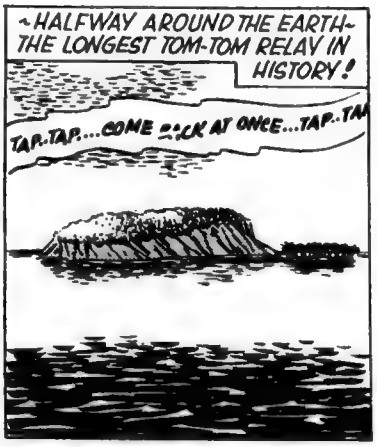
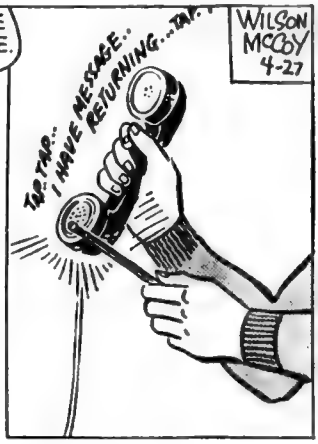
WILSON McCOY 4-25


FROM THE BENGALI PHONE ACROSS THE SEA~
TAP..TAP..TAP TAP.. LONGO..WAMBES! TROUBLE-TA


~HALFWAY AROUND THE EARTH~ THE LONGEST TOM-TOM RELAY IN HISTORY!
TAP..TAP....COME BACK AT ONCE...TAP..TA

TROUBLE?
TAP..TAP... AT ONCE...
I MUST LEAVE AT ONCE, DAVE.


WILSON McCOY 4-27
TAP..TAP... MESSAGE... I HAVE RETURNING...TAP..

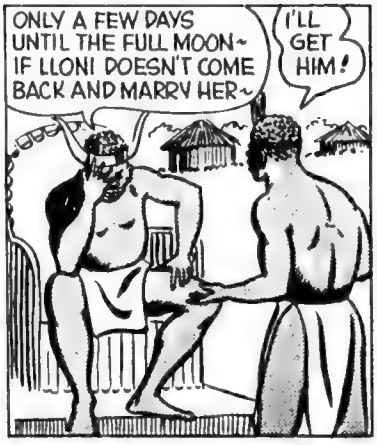
TROUBLE IN THE JUNGLE BETWEEN THE TWO BIGGEST TRIBES. I MUST GO AT ONCE~
DIANA~I THINK YOU KNOW WHAT I WAS TRYING TO SAY~ BUT IT'S ALWAYS LIKE THIS!

THERE'S ALWAYS TROUBLE SOMEWHERE. I'LL ALWAYS HAVE TO LEAVE!
BUT YOU ALWAYS COME BACK~

AND I'LL ALWAYS WAIT!
WILSON McCOY 4-28

WHILE FAT WAMBA HAPPILY AWAITS HER WEDDING DAY~~
TEE~HEE

~AND LLONI WAITS DEFIANTLY IN THE DEEP WOODS..
I WON'T MARRY HER!


ONLY A FEW DAYS UNTIL THE FULL MOON~ IF LLONI DOESN'T COME BACK AND MARRY HER~
I'LL GET HIM!

TAGI, NO ONE CAN ENTER THE DEEP WOODS UNINVITED~ THE PYGMIES~
IF HE WON'T COME~I'LL DRAG HIM BACK!
WILSON McCOY 4-29

TAGI, HEAD OF THE LLONGO WARRIORS, HAS A MISSION...

NEVER BEFORE HAS ANYONE ENTERED THE DEEP WOODS UNINVITED BY THE FEARED PYGMIES~

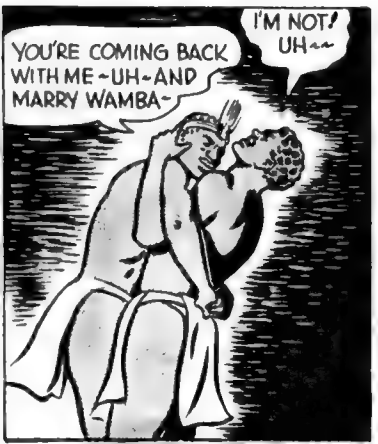
NIGHT~BOLD TAGI MAKES THE FINAL DASH~

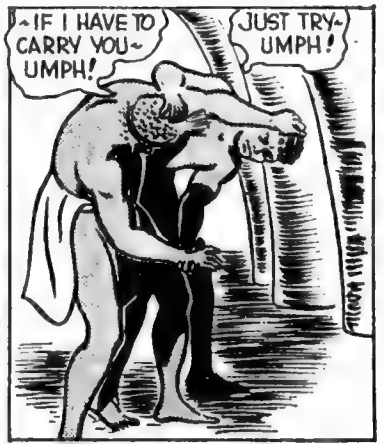
LLONI!
WILSON McCOY 4-30

UH~TAGI~WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
YOUR FATHER, THE KING, WANTS YOU TO RETURN AND MARRY!

I REFUSE!
LLONI, WE WERE BOYHOOD FRIENDS. I AM NOW HEAD OF THE WARRIORS. RETURN WITH ME~

~OR I'LL DRAG YOU BACK!
THAT'LL TAKE MORE THAN~YOU!
WILSON McCOY 5-1

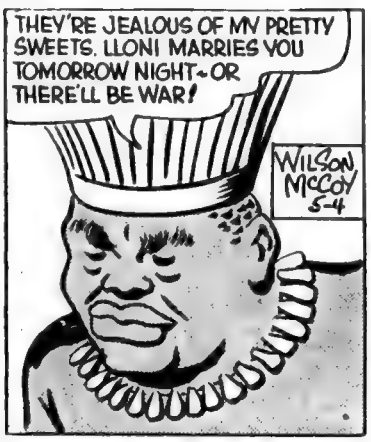

YOU'RE COMING BACK WITH ME~UH~AND MARRY WAMBA~
I'M NOT! UH~~


~IF I HAVE TO CARRY YOU~ UMPH!
JUST TRY~ UMPH!

STOP!
PHANTOM!
THANK GOODNESS, HE GOT HERE!
WILSON McCOY 5-2

AS THE LLONGO KING WORRIES..
ONE MORE DAY TO GO IF MY SON LLONI DOESN'T RETURN TO MARRY WAMBA~

DA-DA, THE GIRLS TEASE ME. THEY SAY LLONI WON'T MARRY ME.
NONSENSE! SILLY GOSSIP~

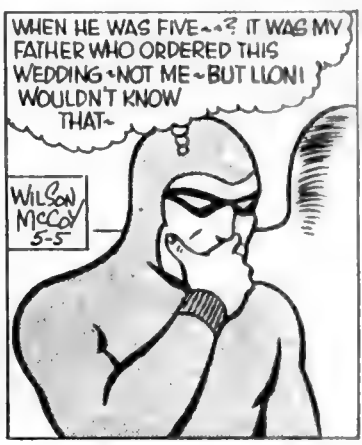

THEY'RE JEALOUS OF MY PRETTY SWEETS. LLONI MARRIES YOU TOMORROW NIGHT~OR THERE'LL BE WAR!
WILSON McCOY 5-4

PRINCE LLONI~ TELL ME YOUR TROUBLES.
GULP~YOU KNOW MY TROUBLES. YOU STARTED THEM.

I STARTED YOUR TROUBLES, LLONI?
YES, SIR. WHEN I WAS FIVE YOU ORDERED ME TO MARRY WAMBA~

"I WENT TO THE COAST SCHOOL~~ I MET A GIRL, EXOTA, WHOM I LOVE"~

"THEN I MET WAMBA AGAIN, FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE I WAS FIVE. I CANNOT MARRY HER~"


WHEN HE WAS FIVE~~? IT WAS MY FATHER WHO ORDERED THIS WEDDING~NOT ME~BUT LLONI WOULDN'T KNOW THAT~
WILSON McCOY 5-5

LLONI, IF YOU REFUSE TO MARRY WAMBA~THE WAMBESI WILL BE INSULTED. IT MEANS WAR.
I LOVE HER~EXOTA.

HMM~I SEE WHAT YOU MEAN~

HE THINKS OF HIS OWN DIANA FAR AWAY..
AND I UNDERSTAND

THE WEDDING IS SET FOR TOMORROW NIGHT~
LET ME THINK. WHAT CAN BE DONE~
WILSON McCOY 5-6

WILL THE WAMBESI FIGHT IF LLONI DOESN'T MARRY WAMBA?
NO QUESTION OF IT. THE JUNGLE WOULD MOCK THEM.

THIS WAMBA~IS SHE TRULY SO FAT?
LIKE A HIPPO, O GHOST WHO WALKS.

MY FATHER ORDERED THIS UNION YEARS AGO TO KEEP PEACE AMONG THE TRIBES.
NATURALLY, THEY THINK I DID IT~
WILSON McCOY 5-7

WHAT WILL HE DO?
TIMES HAVE CHANGED. LLONI IS MODERN, EDUCATED~~IN LOVE~

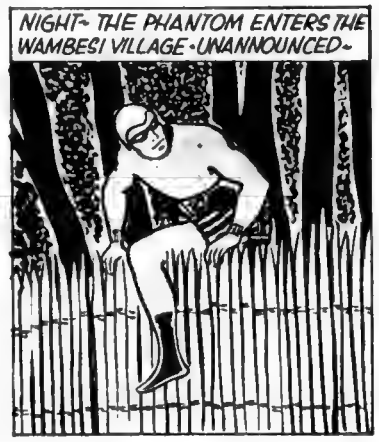
LLONI, I DO NOT WANT TO FORCE YOU INTO AN UNHAPPY MARRIAGE. NOR DO I WANT WAR.
GO BACK TO YOUR TRIBE. PREPARE FOR THE WEDDING TOMORROW NIGHT.
PREPARE?
?

I PROMISE - THERE'LL BE NO WEDDING TOMORROW.
TAGI, YOU ARE HEAD OF THE LLONGO WARRIORS. REMAIN HERE.

BUT - WHAT WILL YOU DO?
TRUST ME, LLONI.
WHAT WILL HE DO?
WILSON McCOY 5-8

TONIGHT - THE WEDDING. NO LLONI - WE MUST PREPARE FOR WAR -
SIRE - - LLONI IS HERE!

SON - YOU CAME BACK! YOU'LL GO THRU WITH IT?
YES.


NIGHT - THE PHANTOM ENTERS THE WAMBES' VILLAGE - UNANNOUNCED -

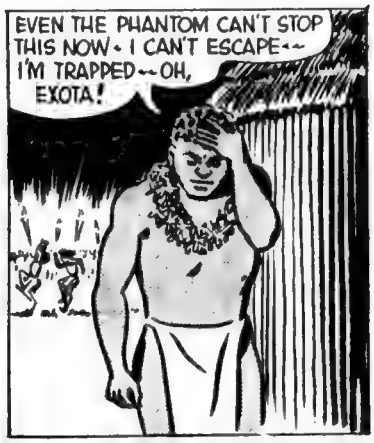
SO THAT'S WAMBA - THE BLUSHING BRIDE - - HMM - -
WILSON McCOY 5-9

NIGHT OF THE FULL MOON! THE LLONGO PARTY ARRIVES - TEN THOUSAND STRONG!
WELCOME, KING AND PRINCE OF LLONGO!
PRINCE LLONI - -
PRINCE LLONI -

DARLING - LLONI'S HERE TO MARRY YOU! DIDN'T I TELL YOU HE WOULD COME?
OH, DA - DA, I'M SO HAPPY - TEE-HEE -

THE PHANTOM PROMISED THE WEDDING WOULDN'T HAPPEN - HAS HE TRICKED ME?
WILSON McCOY 5-11
PRINCE LLONI -

ALL THE JUNGLE COMES FOR THE GREAT WEDDING UNITING THE TWO LARGEST TRIBES...


EVEN THE PHANTOM CAN'T STOP THIS NOW - I CAN'T ESCAPE - - I'M TRAPPED - - OH, EXOTA!

LET WAMBA BE ALONE FOR A FEW LAST MOMENTS BEFORE SHE BECOMES A BRIDE -
TEE-HEE -
TEE-HEE

WILSON McCOY 5-12
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PSST

WAMBA, DO YOU KNOW WHO I AM?
OH (GULP), YES-O GHOST WHO WALKS!

LISTEN CAREFULLY-LLONI DOES NOT WANT TO MARRY YOU-HE LOVES ANOTHER GIRL.

HE LOVES THIS GIRL-EXOTA.
WHAT-WHAT'LL I DO?

IF YOU WILL TRUST ME, I WILL HELP YOU.
YES-ANYTHING!
WILSON McCOY 5-13

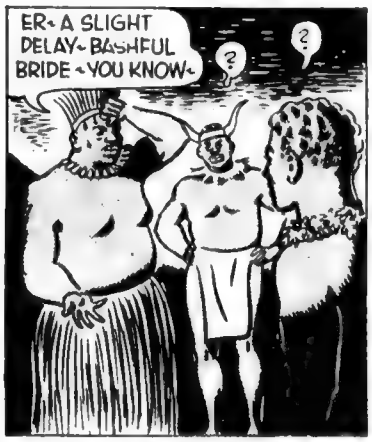
I'M HAPPY NOW. THE JUNGLE HAD SILLY RUMORS THAT YOU WOULD NOT COME TO THE WEDDING, LLONI.
HA-HA
HE-HE

?

?
ER-EXCUSE ME A MOMENT.

WAMBA-GONE?
WILSON McCOY 5-14

WAMBA-GONE? WHERE? HOW? SEARCH FOR HER! FIFTY THOUSAND AWAIT THE WEDDING!


ER-A SLIGHT DELAY-BASHFUL BRIDE-YOU KNOW-
?
?

MEANWHILE, RACING ON A JUNGLE PATH-THE MISSING BRIDE!
WHERE-ARE WE GOING?
TO THE DEEP WOODS.
WILSON McCOY 5-15

SOMETHING'S WRONG-
WHILE MASSED THOUSANDS AWAIT THE GREAT JUNGLE WEDDING-
BUZZ BUZZ

?
NO SIGN OF WAMBA, SIR. I FOUND THIS NOTE FOR YOU.

Da-da-
I cannot marry
Lloni now.
Postpone wedding.
Don't worry, I'm
safe.
Wamba

WELL? I BROUGHT MY SON TO THIS WEDDING. WHERE IS YOUR DAUGHTER?
?
WILSON McCOY 5-16

Da da: I cannot marry now. Postpone wedding. Don't worry. I'm safe
Wamba
ER~MY DAUGHTER PRINCESS WAMBA IS ILL~THE WEDDING MUST BE DELAYED.
SHE WAS NOT ILL FIVE MINUTES AGO!

IT IS THE FULL MOON. THE HONOR OF THE LLONGO DEMANDS~
WHOA~DAD. THE GIRL CAN'T HELP IT IF SHE'S ILL.

THE PHANTOM KEPT HIS PROMISE! SOMEHOW HE DID IT~SHEER MAGIC~
WILSON McCOY 5-18

WEDDING POSTPONED ~BUZZ~
BRIDE ILL~ BUZZ~
NO WEDDING~ THOUSANDS LEAVE~
SOMETHING FUNNY~ BUZZ~

WAMBA GONE? WHERE? HOW? SHE COULDN'T RUN AWAY. SHE COULD HARDLY WALK BY HERSELF.

OUT OF THE NIGHT~ A PYGMY ARROW~ WITH A MESSAGE~

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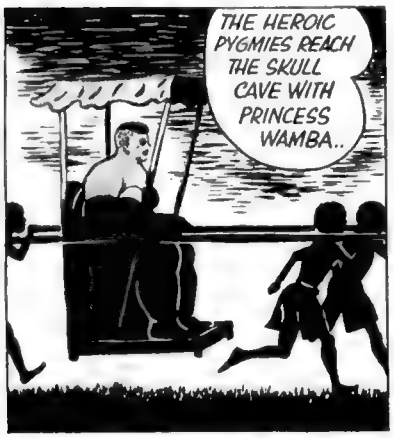
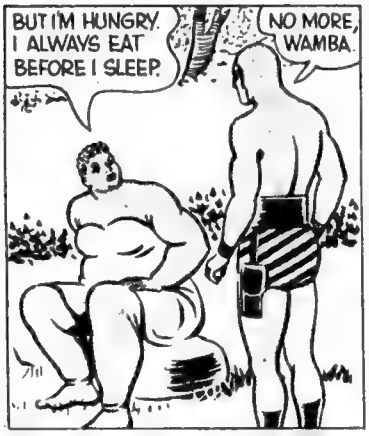
King of Wamba: Your daughter is safe with me
WILSON McCOY 5-19


THE HEROIC PYGMIES REACH THE SKULL CAVE WITH PRINCESS WAMBA..

I CAME WITH YOU BECAUSE YOU MADE ME A PROMISE.
I KEEP MY PROMISES, WAMBA.

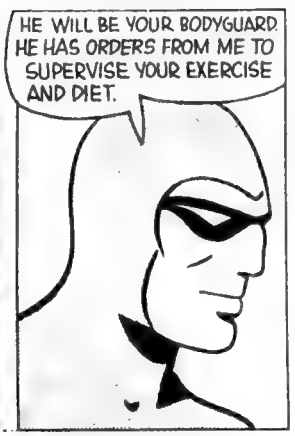
YOU PROMISED TO USE YOUR PHANTOM-MAGIC~AND TURN ME INTO A BEAUTIFUL SLIM GIRL~LIKE EXOTA.
UHHH
UH UH
I WILL TRY~ UP WE GO~~
WILSON McCOY 5-20

PHANTOM MAGIC WILL MAKE ME LIKE HER~EXOTA! HE PROMISED.


BUT I'M HUNGRY. I ALWAYS EAT BEFORE I SLEEP.
NO MORE, WAMBA.

I'M HUNGRY. I DON'T WANT TO WALK. I WANT TO EAT! I NEVER WALK! YOU PROMISED YOUR MAGIC~
THIS IS MY MAGIC.
WILSON McCOY 5-21

WAMBA, THIS IS TAGI, HEAD OF THE LLONGO WARRIORS~


HE WILL BE YOUR BODYGUARD. HE HAS ORDERS FROM ME TO SUPERVISE YOUR EXERCISE AND DIET.

EXERCISE~DIET? YOU PROMISED MAGIC~TO MAKE ME SLIM AND PRETTY!

BERRIES~IS THAT ALL I GET TO EAT?
PHANTOM MAGIC. EAT.
WILSON McCOY 5-22

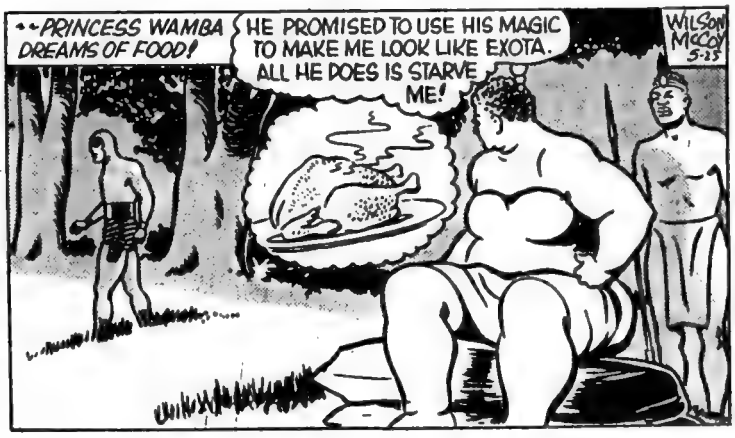
I DON'T WANT TO WALK. I NEVER WALK. I'M TIRED!
ONCE MORE AROUND THE CIRCLE.

I'M TIRED OF BERRIES. I WANT SOME REAL FOOD!
WILSON McCOY 5-23

I'D RATHER FIGHT A TIGER BAREHANDED THAN THIS!
KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK, TAGI.

WHILE EXOTA, FAR AWAY~ DREAMS OF PRINCE LLONI~

~LLONI DREAMS OF EXOTA~~~


~~PRINCESS WAMBA DREAMS OF FOOD!
HE PROMISED TO USE HIS MAGIC TO MAKE ME LOOK LIKE EXOTA. ALL HE DOES IS STARVE ME!
WILSON McCOY 5-25

I WON'T WALK ANOTHER STEP! I HATE YOU, TAGI.
BUT I'M ONLY DOING WHAT PHANTOM SAYS.

I LEFT HER ON THE PATH. SHE REFUSED TO WALK.
NIGHT IS COMING. SHE'LL WALK.

WHOO- WHOO
GRR-GRR

WILSON McCOY 5-26

THE JUNGLE GOSSIPS-
WEDDING POSTPONED, THEY SAID-
WAMBA OF WAMBESI LEFT LLONI OF LLONGO AT THE ALTAR-
SHE REFUSED TO MARRY YOU- WE ARE DISGRACED- WE FIGHT!
LEAVE WELL ENOUGH ALONE, FATHER.
TROUBLED, WAMBA'S FATHER GOES TO THE DEEP WOODS-
I AM KING OF WAMBESI- I DEMAND TO SEE MY DAUGHTER!
WAIT!
HAVE NO FEAR. WAMBA IS FINE AND WILL BE HOME SOON.
WHAT IS SHE DOING THERE?
WILSON McCOY 5-27
NOW THE WEEKS PASS IN THE DEEP WOODS-
UGH- BERRIES AGAIN-
-AND THERE IS LESS AND LESS--
OH, TAGI- I'M SO TIRED OF THIS- CAN'T WE STOP?
PHANTOM SAYS- KEEP GOING.
TAGI- I CAN'T CLIMB.
--AND LESS AND LESS-
BUT YOU ARE!
-AND LESS OF WAMBA!
WILSON McCOY 5-28
THERE ARE NO MIRRORS IN THIS PLACE. HOW CAN I TELL HOW I LOOK?
YOU LOOK FINE.
I'M SICK OF BERRIES, ROOTS, HERBS. I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THIS!
YOU PROMISED MAGIC TO MAKE ME SLIM AND PRETTY!
--ALL YOU'VE DONE IS MAKE ME WORK- AND STARVE ME-
COME WITH ME, WAMBA-
IS THAT ME?
YES, YOU.
SHE'S BEAUTIFUL! WONDERFUL!
WILSON McCOY 5-29
AM I- BEAUTIFUL?
VERY BEAUTIFUL- THANKS TO TAGI- WHO HAS BEEN STRICT WITH YOU, WAMBA.
SHE'S THE MOST BEAUTIFUL GIRL IN THE WHOLE WORLD!
TAGI OF LLONGO, YOU'VE DONE WELL. YOUR PRINCE LLONI WILL LOVE HIS BETROTHED WHEN HE SEES HER NOW.
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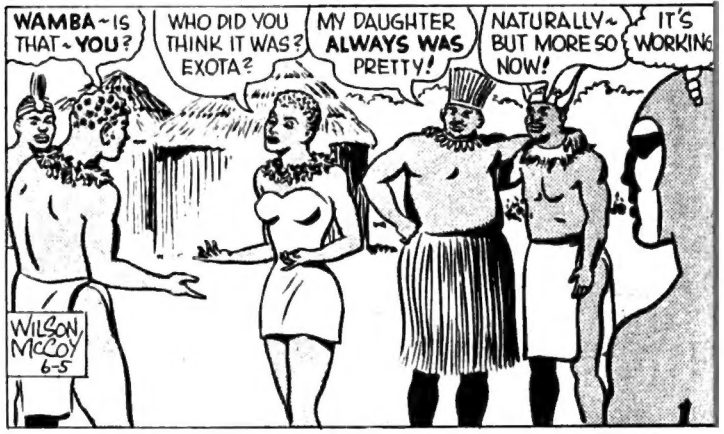
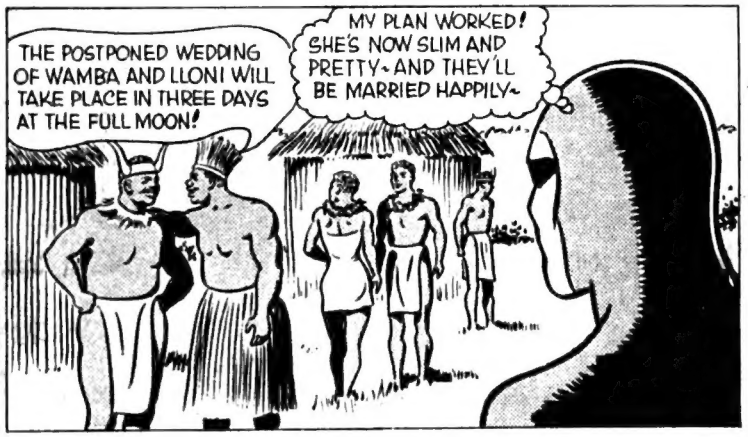
I'M SURE- HE WILL-
?
WILSON McCOY 5-30

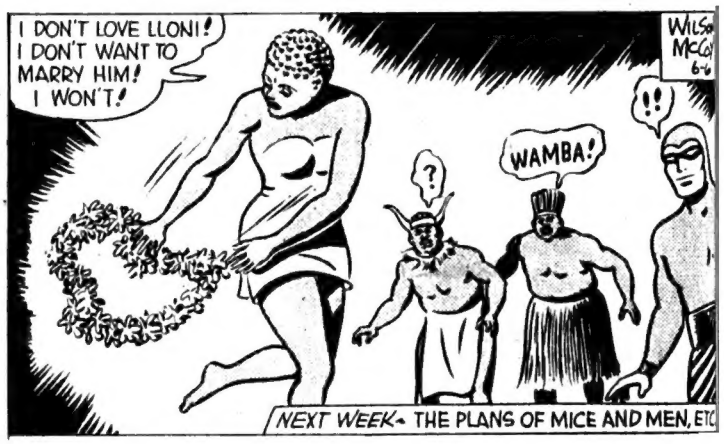
WAMBA, YOU'RE READY TO GO HOME NOW
OH ~ WON'T DA-DA BE SURPRISED!
YOU SEE, GURAN, PRINCE LLONI REFUSED TO MARRY WAMBA BECAUSE SHE WAS SO ENORMOUS~
THIS MEANT WAR BETWEEN TRIBES.
~ NOW LLONI WILL CHANGE HIS MIND WHEN HE SEES THIS LOVELY NEW WAMBA ~THEY WILL MARRY~ THERE WILL BE PEACE.
YOU HAVE THE WISDOM OF THE SERPENT, O GHOST WHO WALKS.
WILSON McCOY 6-1
GOOD WORK, TAGI. RETURN WAMBA TO HER FATHER. THEN GO TO YOUR OWN TRIBE~
~TELL PRINCE LLONI THE WEDDING WILL GO ON.
SOME MAGIC! I HAD TO DO IT ALL MYSELF!
THAT'S THE ONLY REAL MAGIC. BE HAPPY, PRINCESS WAMBA.
YOU WERE SO STRICT WITH ME, TAGI ~ I HATED YOU ~~
I FOLLOWED ORDERS. NOW YOU CAN MARRY MY PRINCE LLONI.
THEN ~ YOU'LL BE HAPPY?
I ~ GUESS SO ~
WILSON McCOY 6-2
DA-DA ~ DON'T YOU KNOW ME?
WAMBA ~ SWEETS ~ IS THAT YOU?
SHE IS ~ THE BETROTHED OF MY PRINCE ~
THE PHANTOM DID THIS ~~ FOR YOU?
HE ~ AND TAGI, HEAD OF LLONGO WARRIORS. OH ~ WHERE DID HE GO?
GONE ~ OH, TAGI ~~
WILSON McCOY 6-3
WHAT'S THIS?
WAMBA ~ WAITING AT HER VILLAGE ~ TO MARRY ME?
IT IS THE PHANTOM'S COMMAND.
BUT HE PROMISED I WOULDN'T HAVE TO MARRY HER!
YOU MAY CHANGE YOUR MIND, PRINCE LLONI.
TAGI ~ YOU KNOW I LOVE EXOTA, IN THE CITY ~~
YOU ARE BETROTHED TO PRINCESS WAMBA.
WILSON McCOY 6-4
THE WEDDING PARTY AND YOUR BETROTHED ARE APPROACHING, WAMBA, SWEETS.
I KNOW. DA ~ DA.

I'VE COME TO SEE THE MEETING OF WAMBA AND LLONI, PRINCE OF WAMBESI
WELCOME, O GHOST WHO WALKS.

TAGI, I DON'T CARE IF SHE HAS CHANGED~ I STILL LOVE EXOTA~~
OH SHUT UP! EXCUSE ME


WAMBA~IS THAT~YOU?
WHO DID YOU THINK IT WAS? EXOTA?
MY DAUGHTER ALWAYS WAS PRETTY!
NATURALLY~ BUT MORE SO NOW!
IT'S WORKING
WILSON McCOY 6-5


THE POSTPONED WEDDING OF WAMBA AND LLONI WILL TAKE PLACE IN THREE DAYS AT THE FULL MOON!
MY PLAN WORKED! SHE'S NOW SLIM AND PRETTY~AND THEY'LL BE MARRIED HAPPILY~


I DON'T LOVE LLONI! I DON'T WANT TO MARRY HIM! I WON'T!
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WAMBA!
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WILSON McCOY 6-6
NEXT WEEK~ THE PLANS OF MICE AND MEN, ETC

I DON'T LOVE LLONI. I WON'T MARRY HIM!

THIS (SPUTTER) (SPUTTER) IS OUTRAGEOUS!
FORGIVE HER, KING OF LLONGO~SHE IS NERVOUS~DOESN'T KNOW WHAT SHE IS SAYING!

WAMBA, WHAT DOES THIS MEAN? PRINCE LLONI IS YOUR BETROTHED~ ARE YOU MAD?
I DON'T LOVE LLONI~ I LOVE TAGI~THE WARRIOR~
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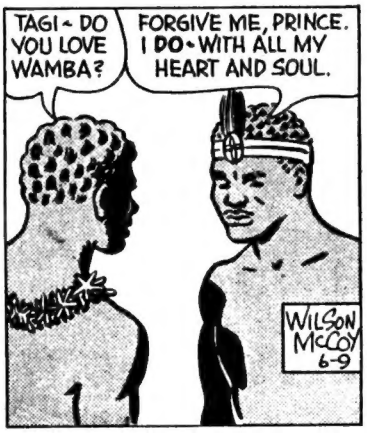
YOU MUST MARRY PRINCE LLONI!
HE LOVES SOMEONE ELSE~ AND SO DO I (SOB) I WANT TO MARRY TAGI!

MY SON REJECTED~ MY TRIBE DISHONORED! WE WILL FIGHT~
WAIT~ FATHER~


TAGI~DO YOU LOVE WAMBA?
FORGIVE ME, PRINCE. I DO~WITH ALL MY HEART AND SOUL.
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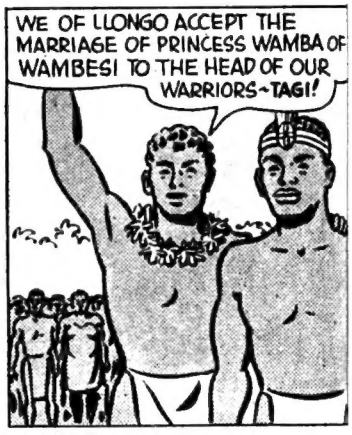
WE OF LLONGO ACCEPT THE MARRIAGE OF PRINCESS WAMBA OF WAMBESI TO THE HEAD OF OUR WARRIORS~TAGI!

LLONI MUST BE MARRIED~ I'LL NEVER SEE HIM AGAIN~ WHY DID HE HAVE TO BE A JUNGLE PRINCE?

LLONI!
EXOTA!

~I RAN ALL NIGHT AND DAY TO GET HERE~ I BORROWED THIS FROM A FELLOW AT SCHOOL~~
BUT~ BUT~~?

DARLING~~WILL YOU LIVE IN THE JUNGLE~ WILL YOU MARRY ME?
WHAT? THIS THING'S MAKING SO MUCH NOISE I CAN'T HEAR YOU~
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ALL THE JUNGLE POURS INTO THE WAMBESI VILLAGE TO WITNESS THE GREAT DOUBLE-WEDDING~
WHO'S MARRYING WHOM?
LLONI AND EXOTA~ TAGI AND WAMBA.
ALL AT ONCE?

~BY OUR ANCIENT RITUAL, I MAKE THEE, WAMBA AND TAGI~ AND THEE, EXOTA AND LLONI~ER~MEN AND WIVES.
TO THINK, IN YOUR WISDOM, YOU PLANNED IT SO, O GHOST WHO WALKS~
HMM
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HAPPY WAMBA AND TAGI~
OUR WEDDING BANQUET, EAT HEARTILY.
NO, THANK YOU. YOU LIKE ME THIS WAY~ I'LL STAY THIS WAY!

HAPPY EXOTA AND LLONI~~
DARLING, I WANT TO LIVE IN A REAL HUT~ BUT IT'LL NEED A FEW MODERN IMPROVEMENTS~

HAPPY KINGS..
OUR CHILDREN ARE HAPPILY MARRIED~ IF NOT TO EACH OTHER~
OUR TRIBES ARE UNITED~
HAIL THE PHANTOM WHOSE ANCIENT WISDOM MADE ALL THIS POSSIBLE!
HMM!
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THE JUNGLE MINSTRELS SING~~
AND THE PHANTOM'S GREAT WISDOM DA-DA BE-DEE BROUGHT THE LOVERS TOGETHER TA-TA TE-TEE

THE JUNGLE IS PEACEFUL~~ THEY SING YOUR PRAISES~ YOUR WISDOM PREVENTED WAR~ YOU HELPED TRUE LOVE~

I DID NOTHING OF THE SORT. I PLANNED JUST THE OPPOSITE. I'LL NEVER PLAY CUPID AGAIN~

BUT I SUPPOSE ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL~
WHO COULD ASK FOR MORE, O GHOST WHO WALKS?
WILSON McCOY 6-13
NEXT WEEK: NEW ADVENTURE